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REPORT

1. Czech Troops in Cheb

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2. Czech Troops and Military Installations in Sumperk and Ostrava.

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 16 December 1953, six trucks, [REDACTED], and each carrying soldiers 25X1 in furs passed through Roosevelt Street toward the 9th May Barracks. [REDACTED] no major maneuvers were held around Cheb in October 1953. 1
2. Prior to April 1953, numerous guns on four wheels were seen in the barracks installation southeast of Ostrava (F 50/0 59) between Hraneznik and Radvanice, near the stop of the field railway to Karvina (Q 50/0 69). The chassis of the guns were occasionally removed and replaced by supports. The barrels could be elevated almost vertically. Numerous motor vehicles were observed at the site. About 12 armored vehicles were at the installation 25X1 in early 1953. In April 1953, two new buildings were under construction. 2
3. Other military billets were in the buildings of a former window-glass factory in Ostrava which was located in the vicinity of a reinforced concrete bridge over the Ostravica River, directly at a dump near a high school. Numerous trucks and large guns on four wheels also were at this installation. Some soldiers trained dogs near the billets. 3
4. From late 1952 to about April 1953, a large multi-story building at 13 Koksarenska Street in the suburb of Ostrava-Privoz in the northwestern sector of the city, which had been used as a hospital during the last war, was occupied by troops. So a army sedans were all the time parked in front of the building which was entered by officers. At the installation, [REDACTED] a signboard reading "Obvodni vojenske velitelstvi, Ostrava-Privoz", (Ostrava-Privoz Recruiting District Headquarters), and another signboard indicating that an officer candidate school was in the building. 4

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5. Prior to 1 May 1953, about 15 tanks and numerous trucks were in the barracks installation on the northern perimeter of Sumperk (P 50/N 69). A review held at the post in the fall of 1952 involved about 50 tanks. 5 After January 1953, about 250 soldiers with more than 100 horses were quartered in the former mining school near the ham. Miru. The stables were opposite the EM billets. The equipment of the unit, whose soldiers spoke Slovak, also included four-wheeled horse-drawn vehicles. 25X1

6. In mid-May 1953, the Rumburk (O 51/F 78) sector of the Czechoslovak-East-German border was guarded by FS troops. FS detachments were stationed at Listi, District of Rumburk, and Lobendova (N 52/F 68). No continuous obstacles were in this area. 6

1. Comment. Report proves that other information on extensive Czech maneuvers held in the Cheb area in the fall of 1953 is incorrect. 25X1

2. Comment. A previous report mentioned an AAA unit quartered in this barracks installation. 25X1
Armored vehicles are reported in this installation for the first time.

3. Comment. This installation is reported for the first time and is believed to quarter another AAA unit. From the training of dogs, it is concluded that the installation also quarters a police or border guard detachment. 25X1

4. Comment. The officer candidate school is reported for the first time. A previous report mentioned an officer candidate school for airborne troops in Mor Ostrava. It is very unlikely, however, that such a school should be located in the center of the industrial area. 25X1

5. Comment. The barracks installation on the northern perimeter of the city quarters the 36th Mecz Regt of the 14th Necz Div, which is confirmed up to May 1953. 25X1

6. Comment. The FS detachments are believed to belong to the Decin FS brigade.

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